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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	Application No. 10/624,415	Applicant(s) BROWN ET AL.	
	Examiner Chandrika Prasad	Art Unit 2839	

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**Period for Reply**

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**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 15 November 2004.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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## DETAILED ACTION

### *Response to the Amendments*

1. The reply filed 11/15/04 consists of amendments to claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 11, 13, 18, changes in the specification and remarks related to rejection of claims. The claims are not allowable as described below.

### *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102*

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 1-9 and 11-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Wang et al. (6296495).

Wang (Figures 1-10) shows an electrical contact 1 having a body 25 configured to be placed on a first conductive member 80 on a printed circuit board and move relative to the first conductive member, a contact portion 22 joined to the body and configured to engage a second conductive member, an L-shaped termination lead 10 joined to the body and having an outer end configured to be securely fixed to the first conductive member, the termination lead being movable with respect to the body. The body extends parallel to the first conductive member and the lead extends at an acute angle from the body. The terminal end has a base end formed with a sidewall and a plurality of lead portions. The body has a central beam with termination lead extending laterally from the body. The body has a slot and includes end wall configured to be

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securely held in a socket body (housing) 3, which holds a plurality of contacts 1. The contact portion has a conductive beam 21. The terminal lead and the body are in a common vertical plane. The terminal lead 10 is soldered to the conductive member 80 on the board.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claim 10 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wang et al. (6296495).

Wan shows all the features of these claims except a plurality of contact beams interleaved. The instant invention does not provide any reasons or specific problem to be solved by interleaving of the contact beams. An official notice is given that such a feature is well known in the art of electrical connectors. It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the instant invention to provide such a feature to Wang's contact because this would provide a more compact contact with plurality of contact beams interleaved.

***Conclusion***

6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Dozier, II et al. (5772451) and Grube et al. (20010012739) also read on the independent claims and some of the dependent claims.

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***Response to Arguments***

7. Applicant's arguments filed 11/15/2004 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Wang's body 25 is movable relative to the first conductive member 80 on the printed circuit board.

***Contact Information***

8. Any correspondence to this action may be mailed to:

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Chandrika Prasad whose telephone number is (571) 272-2099.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor can be reached at (571) 272-2800 ext 39. The fax number is (703) 872-9306.



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